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MAYTORENA'S MEN TO BLAME

Says He Does Not Know That Rights of Americans Have Been Violated.

VERA CRUZ, I c. 12.— "If the United States employs force to stop the firing by Mexicans across the international boundary line at Naco it will be considered an unfriendly act, notwithstanding the friendly motives closking the act."

In this manner General Carranza made answer, in a statement to the Associated Press, to the formal notice served by the United States on both Provisional President Gutierrez and General Carranza that unless such firing ceased, force would be employed to protect American territory.

Carranza's reply to the American note, which is expected to reach Washington tomorrow, will, repudiate responsibility for any shots that have crossed the line and clearly set forth that he and his government will regard intervention at Naco as a hostile

At no time since the receipt of Sec-At no time since the receipt of Secretary Bryan's note calling attention to repeated wounding and killing of residents of the American town, has General Carranza appeared perturbed, but he has had long conferences with those close to him, and in framing his reply, it is said, he has been careful not to let himself remain in any preserving light.

uncertain light.

"General Hill, Constitutionalist commander of the forces at Naco, is on the defensive," continued General Carranza, "and since his back was to the line it is difficult to see how he could be responsible for the firing. The fact is that Maytorena's men have been attacking, and therefore it appears reasonably clear and they, and only they, could have been to blame.

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As a mater of fact, I do not know that the rights of American citizens have been violated. It seems to me that it would be well for the state department to investigate this question in order to fix the responsibility.

"I remember similar instances at

El Paso, when the Madero forces were attacking there. In that case those shots were for the most part the imprudent and curious individuals who flocked to witness the fighting as if it a spectacular show staged for their benefit.

"As to the use of force, of which Mr. Bryan talks, that is something the gravity of which I fear he does not fully appreciate. He says it would not mean an it vasion of our territory, or a violation of our national sovereignty. It would. And moreover, it would certainly be an act directly against the Constitutionalists, who now hold the town and in favor the Villistas, who would he left free to continue their operations. It would be simply tying General Hill's hands and leaving May-

Governor's Body Reinterred.

o ATHENS, Ga., Dec. 12.—All o that remained of the body of o Peter Early, governor of Geor- o o gia a century ago, was removed o o from its grave in Green County of today and reinterred at Greenso boro, Ga., beside the governor's o o parents. The ashes of the governor's wife and small child were o taken to Greensboro at the same o time. The graves opened today o were made in 1815.

Revokes Passes For Crossing Line. NACO, Ariz., Dec. 12.—Brigadie: General Tasker H. Bliss, commander of the United States troops here, tonight revoked all passees for crossing the international lines. Later communication into Mexico was limited to press correspondents and freight teamsters

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General Bliss, it was stated, intended to break up efforts to both Mexican factions to send agents into Arizona for recruits and supplies.

Propresentatives of General Hill, commander of the Naco, Sonora, gar-rison, and of Governor Maytorena, whose forces are besleging the town, were refused passes into American territory.

The belligerents tonight continued exchanging fire. General Hill tonight placed two 75-millimeter Maxim guns in position.

Ne Orders to Stop Firlag.
NACO, ARIZ., Dec. 12.—Jose Maytorena, insurgent governor of Sonora, who has been beselging the Carranza garrison of Naco since September, issued a statement today declaring he had received no order from Provisional President Gutterrez to stop firing to prevent builets striking in American territory. He is preparing for a final assault on Naco Tuesday night.

Second Warning Received.
EL PASO, Texas, Dec. 12.—A second warning from the Washington government to Governor Marterena was received here today demanding that May-torena withdraw immediately from the range of the American border town. It had been given verbally, it was understood, to one of Maytorena's agen's at

Pursuing Maytorena Force.

DOUGLAS, Ariz., Dec. 12 .- Two hundred and fifty Carranza cavalrymen left Agua Prieta today in pursuit of the Maytorena force which captured Fronteras last night. After the capture of Fronteras, 30 miles south of the border, the Maytorena troops are report ed to have left today for Cuchuta.

Threatening Windstorm
Moving Northeastward

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.— A threatening windstorm, moving northeastward from he Texas coast tonight prompted the weather bureau to order warnings to shipping displayed along

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"I sincerely hope that the good
friendship of the American people towards the Mexican people will prevent
the consummation of Secretary Brysan's threat."
warnings to shipping displayed along
the Gulf coast and Atlantic coasts
from Brownsville to Washington.
Heavy rains with occasional snow
flurries and barply falling temperatures are expected to accompany the
disturbances eastward. the Gulf coast and Atlantic

Request That Destroyers Be Sent to Canal Zone Immediately

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.--Colonel Goethals has requested that destroycoethals has requested that destroy-era be sent to the canni zone immed-iatery, it was tearned tonight, but no specific explanation of the need for naval vessels there was included in the message. A reply asking for this explanation, was sent at once but no answer has been received from Colo-net Goethals at a late hour.

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Officials believe, however, that the canal governor, has experienced some difficulty in preserving the complete neutrality of the zone and its territorial waters. Many thips belonging to belligerent nations are in the victuity, and it is thought possible Colonel Goethals has found himself unable to check use of their wireless plants within the thrownile limit.

With switt naval vessels to aid it would be an easier matter to regulate use of wireless and it was thought probable tonight the necessary destroyers would be dispatched as soon as Colonel Goethal's explanation was received.

cern here, although no specific re-ports of neutrality violations have been received so far as known.

Reports of wireless interruption from Panama have led to the belief that colliers and warships were exchanging messages, which, if they have not otherwise been open to objection, have hindered comme dal use of wireless to a considerable extent.

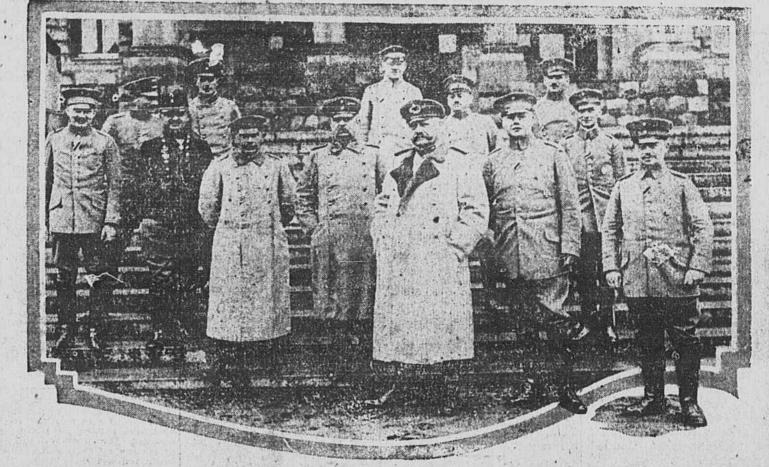
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An unofficial report was in circulation tonight that the collier Leas, of the British auxiliary fleet, had made improper use of her wireless equipment by zending British navy code messages while within the three-mile limit.

Recent scrivity by British and Japanses wvrships in the vicinity of the mail some which followed the dissistence of the British fleet under Admiral was not obtainable. for this connection Mr. Daniels issued this statement: "If
the appropriation bill had gilowed the construction of six
or more destroyers for the amount
authorised, it would have been possible for the secretary of the navy to
order seven destroyers instead of six
and keep within the appropriation.
Secretary Daniels will ask congress
to appropriate for destroyers this year
as it did for submarines last year,
when it made the appropriation read
eight or more submarines for a
given sum."

Von Hindenburg, Genius of the War, and His Staff, Taken in Poland.



Democrats Determined to Speed

Up Legislative P-ogram to

Avoid Extra Session.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—Senate

Transcrats in caucus today determined to speed up the legislative program to a fold an extra session after March

It was decided to abandon a long holiday recess, the genators agreeing to confer with house feaders on a plan to recess from December 22 to December 28 and to remain in session

New Year's week except on New Year's day. It also was decided to

hold night sensions of the senate at least once a week and oftener if the

steering committee found it neces-

"Appropriation bills will have the

AWARD CONTRACTS FOR DESTROYERS

Secretary Daniels Places Orders

For Six Torpedo Boat Destroy-

ers Authorized by Congress.

The sixth ship will be constructed at the Mare Island navy yard. It will be the first destroyer built in a gov-

The appropriation bill limited the amount to be paid for each destroyer to \$925,000 but made no provious for more than six vessels. Money saved in today's award may not be used for additional construction but must be turned back to the treasury.

SHORT RECESS

This is the first photograph of Field taken since he has been in Poland. Poland. It is the second time within Marshal von Hindenburg, considered by military experts to be, with General Joffre of the French army, the greatest genius developed by the war, he has driven his troops into Russian will have dealt a severe blow to the

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—Members

on national prohibition and woman suffrage as a result of action today

by the rules committee. It was de-cided to report special rules for con-sideration of constitutional amend-ments on both subjects. Yes and may

FOR SENATORS WILL BE CALLED UPIN

thirds majority on the final vote.

The prohibition amendment would

Poland. It is the second time within a few weeks that he came near Warsaw, one of the greatest Russian cities. If he should succeed in taking it he will have dealt a severe blow to the

BIG SHIPMENT OF SUPPLIES

merican Red Cross Sends 401 Cases Hospital Supplies and Clothing to Europe.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON. Dec. 12.— The
American Red Cross today shipped
401 cases of hospital supplies and
clothing for women and children to
war striken countries of Europe.
France will receive 80 cases and an adever, were confident that neither of them would have the necessary twoditional donation of 5,000,000 cigar-ettes. Germany will get 71 cases; Austria-Hungary 71 cases, and 20 bales of absorbent cotton and Belgium forever prohibit "the sale, manufac-ture for sale, transportation for sale, ments on both suspects.

notes will be required.

Chairman Henry said the rule on importation for sale and exportation for sale of intoxicating liquors for the United Chairman Henry said the rule on the Hobson prohibition resolution for sale of intoxicating liquors for sale of intoxicating liquors

Enclosing a check for \$100, Vice President Marshall wrote the Red Cross today: "I fear the calls for help at home and abroad are to be numerous and all-compelling that many of us must curtail our pleasures at the behest of duty and that larger charity which spells love."

Germany's Answer Not Satisfactory

STOCKHOLM, (via London) Dec. 12 Germany's auswer to Sweden's re-PANAMA, Dec. 12.— It was persist.— Ships' captains reaching Balboa ently reported here today that six have reported the nearness of British quest for an explanation of the lay-ing of German mines which have de-stroyed three Swedish vessels, is con-Six British colliers have called at liers yeserday on the high seas 50 Panama during the last few days. A miles so the of Panama and coaled British cruiser was said last night to from them. It is believed locally these have come close in to Balboa. She is bladet.

Warships came from Australian waters one of them is even said to be the colliers.

Panama during the last few days. A stroyed three Swedish vessels, is considered far from satisfactory by the Swedish press, according to the Afton-bladet.

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Resolution Voted Down.

The answer denies that German ships laid mines Saturday or Sunday last but says nothing concerning previous days. It admits that, owing to the intention of Russia to establish a Australian battle cruiser Australia.

A Japanese fleet is said to be off the Chilean coast and the British warmuch wireless interference, and it is ships are believed to have sailed for believed the colliers and the warships the south to effect a junction.

DEVELOPMENTS

LITTLE HAS BEEN REPORTED FROM EITHER EASTERN OR WESTERN BATTLES

RUSSIAN LOSSES REPORTED HEAVY

Conflicting Claims of Advantage Are Made by the Opposing Forces.

LONDON, Dec. 12.—No important developments have been reported in the lest 24 hours, either in the eastern or western battles, although fighting of a more or less violent character continues. Conflicting claims of advantage are made by the opposing forces.

As an offset of the Russian claim of having checked the advance of three of five German columns invad-ing their territory, the Germans state today that their cavalry has repulsed the Russian horsemen on the East Prussian frontier; that in North Po-land the German operations are de-veloping and that in Scuth Poland the Russian attacks have been unsuccess-

ful.

It is admitted in Berlin, however, that the Russian resistance is by no means broken, although, according to the German estimate in the battles preceding the evacuation of Lods, the Russians lost 150,000 men, including 80,000 captured, while the German losses were light.

There is the same disparity between French and German scounts of the battles in Flanders and France. It is apparent from both, however, that the Allies have assumed at least a partial offensive. The French announce that this movement is meeting with success, while the Germans declare the attack of the Allies have been repulsed with heavy losses.

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The general impression here is that the Allies, with artillery and occasional infantry attacks, are presering the way for a general offensive, but in doing so are meeting with stubborn resistance from the Germans, who are firmly established in entrenched positions. The advance, if it is possible, must therefore be slow.

The Servians continue to claim successes. The Austrians tried to stem defeat by sending a force from Belgrade southward against the Servian right wing, but this army, like that retreating westward, suffered heavily. The pope's plea for a Christian truce has failed, though a majority of the powers received it sympathetically. Berlin declares Russia would not consent to the truce as the Russian Churatmas does not fail on the same day as that of the other countries.

tries.

Rumor persists that the German c-aiser Dresden, one of the squadron which was defeated by the British squadron in the South Atlantic, either has been sunk or has sought refugo in a neutral port. There is no confirmation of this report and confidence that she will be chught is shown by the betting on Lloyd's, which was

Resolution Voted Down,
WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—Representative Gardner's demand for a
hearing on his resolution for an inthe intention of Russia to establish a winter naval base, German mines were laid in the Aland Aachipelago, "Later than Sunday," of which Sweden was notified Monday after the Swedish steamers were sunk.

Hearing on his resolution for an investigation into the nation's military preparedness was voted down by the house rules committee by a straight party vote of 5 to 3, all Democrats voting against it.

GERMAN OFFICER FOUND HIDING IN TRUNK ABOUT TO BE SHIPPED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—Members of the house of representatives will be called upon to take definite stands on national prohibition and woman nents of the two amendments, how-

olution, he said, will follow immediately.

Prohibition and suffrage supporters immediately began to line up their

MEET ON HIGH SEAS NEAR PANAMA

have been in comunication

BRITISH WARSHIPS AND COLLIERS

British warships met four British col- cruisers.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—Secretary
Daniels awarded contracts today for
the construction of the six torpedo
boat destroyers authorized by the last
naval appropriation bill as follows:
Fore River Shipbuilding Company,
two ships, \$795.000 each; Bath Iron
Works, two ships, \$800,000 each;
Cramp Shipbuilding Company, one
ship, \$820,000.

The Math Addin will be LONDON, Dec. 12 .- (4:32 p. m.)vigilant customs officer at Grave-tend today captured a German army officer whom he found hiding in a huge trunk that was about to be shipped to Fotterdara. The trunk vier. The customs officer became sus- deavoring picious and gave orders that the pad- Germany.

locks be broken. When the lid was removed a man later identified as a German officer was lifter out of the box. He was removed to Gravesend police station. Bedding, food and water were found in the trunk.

was going forward as ordinary mer-chandise on board the steamer Bata-vier. The customs officer became sus-deavoring to convey in primation to

NATURALIZED AMERICAN ARRESTED: WILL BE TRIED BY COURTMARTIAL

(By Associated Press.)
PARIS, Dec. 12.—Geneva police, says a dispatch to the Journal, have arrested a naturalised American namarresied a neturalised American nam-ed Muller who, it is alleged, organis-ed an important German syp system with ramifications in Lyons and the principal cities of eastern France, Muller, the dispatch states, will be treid by courtmarial.

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Foreuse Possibility of Complications. Dec. 12.—So interested were state department officials in the reported arrest of the American Minister Stovall was today directed to make an immediate ingsity. Should the report prove accurate, officials forsce the possibility of the contract of the principal cities of eastern France.

A committee was appointed to work out some practical plan of action.

Dr. Clarence J. Owens, managing director of the Southern Commercial Comgress, presided at the future development of the South the future development of the South was measured in terms of an efficient in the reported arrest of the American Minister Stovall was today of the British warships off Falkiand of the American Minister Stovall was today of the South of the So

complications through an attempt to extradite a naturalized American citisen from Switzerland, a neutral courtry, to France.

Immigrants From Europe Can Be Placed On Southern Farms

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.-Resoluions calling on the federal government and the Southern States for legislation to care for immigrants who seek refuge in this country after the European war were adopted to-night by the immigration conference called by the Southern Commercial Congress to consider the feasibility of distributing immigrants on farms in the South. A committee was appointed to work

war could be placed on Southern farms if proper efforts are made to secure them. He explained the efforts of the labor, postofiles and agricultural departments to bring together "the jobless man and the manless job, the landless man and the manless less land."

J. J. Dekinder, an expert of Dutch colonization, who recently came from Holland, said many Dutch and Belgian farmers rained by the war were anxious to come to the United States. Senator Duncan U. Fletcher, of Florida, president of the Bouthern Commercial Congress, presided at the sessions. Many Southern States, were represented by officials.

The committee chosen to decide on a definite plan to encourage designation.